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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

SUBJECT: Docket No. 07-114; Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements

Commissioners Wheeler, Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai, and O'Rielly:

I am writing to voice my recommendation for a public safety supported 911 caller location program under consideration at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This vital initiative will give first responders the tools they need to identify emergencies, address criminal activity and maintain safety and security within our communities. I understand the FCC is gathering input to improve 911 indoor caller location accuracy. This initiative should be a priority for the FCC so that first responders like those we represent can access the most innovative and effective technology to enhance their work.

A proposal has been put forward by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and America's leading wireless carriers such as Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile. This important proposal would use widely accessible and proven technology to help first responders send personnel to specific addresses. Identifying these more accurate locations allows us to do our jobs with more precision, thereby mitigating emergencies before they become disasters.

The use of mobile and wireless devices has increasingly become a necessary and critical factor to help police and fire departments professionals do their jobs. We rely on advanced technology to save lives in Connecticut's cities and towns and prevent violence and other crimes from occurring. In particular, within two years 40 percent of all 911 calls will be over high-speed wireless networks. In six years from now, 80 percent of all 911 calls will be through wireless. Regulators must do everything within their capacity to ensure smooth implementation of this proposal so that this technology can advance.

This important proposal has attracted significant interest among first responders in Connecticut. Naturally, they believe every first responder should have the best technology available to prevent and address any future emergencies in our communities.

I strongly urge the FCC to understand the importance for first responders to have accurate location information to address criminal behavior. The proposal supported by public safety associations and wireless carriers alike provides the most effective path forward.

Sincerely,

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